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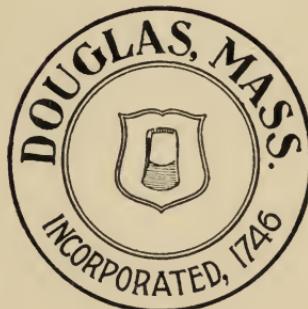
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Town Officers, 1900-1.

Town Clerk,
E. N. JENCKES.

Treasurer,
W. E. JONES.

Selectmen,
WALTER E. JONES, M. M. LUTHER,
WM. H. WELLMAN.

Overseers of Poor,
CHAS. BENNETT, E. B. KNAPP,
WILLIAM L. CHURCH.

Assessors,
CHAUNCY R. HILL, A. F. BROWN,
M. M. LUTHER.

Trustees Town Library,
WM. L. PENNELL, GEO. H. STODDARD,
J. U. HUBBARD, REV. CHAS. P. PIERCE
M. M. LUTHER, HAROLD CHURCH.

Town Agent,
WILLIE MANAHAN.

School Committee,

S. F. ROOT, REV. CHAS. P. PIERCE
A. J. THAYER, C. J. BATCHELLER,
FRED A. PLACE, M. M. LUTHER,
W. W. BROWN, CHAS. CASWELL,
DR. PAUL ELA.

Constables,

J. B. HOWARD, HOMER BABSON,
W. W. BROWN, WILL KELLEY,
HERBERT JONES, FRANK YOUNG.

Agent Moses Wallis Devise,

AARON F. JONES,

Appraisers Moses Wallis Devise,

J. B. CHAPDELAINE, W. L. CHURCH, E. N. JENCKES.

Auditor,

WALTER E. SCHUSTER,

Tax Collector,

EDWARD B. KNAPP.

Road Commissioner,

ARTHUR F. JONES,

Tree Warden,

JOHN McMAHON.

List of Jurors.

TO BE ACTED UPON MARCH 18, 1901.

Andrew J. Thayer,
Edgar C. Parker,
Frank Correll,
Edward B. Knapp,
Aaron F. Jones,
Walter E. Parker,
Orlan F. Chase,
Edwin Parker,
Jedadiah B. Howard,
W. P. Wight,
Frank Bowen,
John M. Rawson,
Marcus M. Luther,

Chas. H. Barton,
Walter Carpenter,
William H. Wellman,
Fred Chappell,
William S. Jillson,
Winfield S. Schuster,
W. D. Sanborn,
E. E. Young,
Homer Babson,
Palmer Converse,
Eben G. Babson,
Hammond Metcalf,

WALTER E. JONES, } Selectmen
M. M. LUTHER, } of
W. H. WELLMAN, } Douglas.

Moderator Rawson 80 }
Browne 96 } 176

Warrant for Town Meeting.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Douglas, in the County of Worcester,

Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

You are directed to notify the inhabitants of the town of Douglas, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in East Douglas in said Douglas, on Monday, the eighteenth day of March current, at nine o'clock, in the forenoon ; then and there to act on the following articles :

Art. 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2.—To choose a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, one Selectman for three years, one Assessor for three years, Town Agent, Six Constables, Tax Collector, Agent and Three Appraisers on Devise of Moses Wallis, three Fence and three Bridge Viewers, all for one year, also one Overseer of the Poor for three years, three School Committee for three years, and one School Committee for two years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, and one Road Commissioner for one year, also one Tree Warden for one year.

Art. 3.—To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and fill any vacancies that may appear.

Art. 4.—To vote on the question "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors the ensuing year?" in this town.

Art. 5.—To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and act thereon.

Art. 6.—To raise by tax and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor, of schools, for repairing school houses, repairing highways and bridges, for paying debts and interest, and contingent expenses the ensuing year.

Art. 7.—To determine the time when poll and other taxes shall be collected.

Art. 8.—To see if the town will vote to instruct the Collector of Taxes for the year 1901, to collect interest on all taxes not paid at a specified time, and to fix said time and rate of interest, and see if the Town will give the Collector of Taxes the same authority, that a Town Treasurer has when Collector.

Art. 9.—To see if the Town will accept the list of names proposed by the Selectmen to serve as jurors the ensuing year or amend the same by adding thereto or taking therefrom.

Art. 10.—To see if the Town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Company, the sum of eight dollars each for their services the ensuing year, no member to receive said sum until he has served his full year ending April 1, 1902, and all fines to be deducted from said amount and covered into the treasury of the company.

Art. 11.—To see what use the Town will make of the Dog Fund so called, the ensuing year.

Art. 12.—To see what number the acting Superintending Committee of schools shall consist, and what their compensation shall be.

Art. 13.—To see what compensation the town will allow their Tax Collector the ensuing year for collecting taxes.

Art. 14.—To choose one or more Auditors in accordance with Sec. 1, Chap. 221, of the Laws and Resolves of the year 1888.

Art. 15.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to furnish State aid to disabled soldiers and their families, and for any other purpose not included in Art. 6.

Art. 16.—To see if the Town will authorize the Assessors to abate such taxes as in their judgement ought to be abated which were assessed in previous years.

Art. 17.—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R., for charitable purposes, under provisions of Chap. 189, Section 1, of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1885.

Art. 18.—To see what price the Town will pay for teams and labor on the Highways, for the ensuing year.

Art 19.—To hear the report of all outstanding committees and act thereon.

Art. 20.—To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year and payable therefrom.

Art. 21.—To see if the town will vote to use the license money, if granted, to pay town notes.

Art. 22.—To see if the town will vote twenty-five dollars, (\$25.00) for repairs of town clock, to be paid from contingent fund.

Art. 23.—To see if the town will make some provision for the housing of the road machine.

Art. 24.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate two hundred dollars for constructing and repairing sidewalks, and under whose supervision it shall be expended.

Art. 25.—To see if the town will instruct the School Committee to unite some other town in hiring a School Superintendent.

Art. 26.—To see if the town will vote to pay Mrs. Adelaide Gould (\$2.00) two dollars per week in addition to the one dollar now received from the State, or act, or take any action on the same.

Art. 27.—To see if the town will furnish the bond of its Treasurer and Collector, and authorize the bond of the Moses Wallis devise, to be paid from said devise.

Art. 28.—To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money, for the proper railing of all dangerous places on the highways.

Art. 29.—To see if the town will vote to revoke the action taken by the town at a previous annual town meeting, whereby the town voted to accept Chap. 374 of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1895, and elect one Highway Surveyor.

Art. 30.—To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chap. 16 of the Acts and Resolves of the year 1894 in regard to electing Highway Surveyors and vote to elect by ballot 10 Highway Surveyors one for each of the old school districts.

Art. 31.—To see if the town will vote to purchase a stone crusher, engine and road roller for repairing the highways, or act or do anything in relation thereto, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

Art. 32.—To see if the town will vote to pay A. F. Brown three dollars for taking up and repairing a culvert across the road opposite his home last year.

Art. 33.—To see if the town will vote to request the Assessors to require all persons who bring in their valuation of personal property to bring in the same under oath according to Section 39 of Chap. 11 of the Public Statutes.

Art. 34.—To see what action the town will take as regards purchasing a duplicate set of weights and measures and to raise and appropriate money therefor, also to see what action the town will take as regards the enforcement of the law as regards the sealing of weights, measures, balances, milk cans and bottles.

Art. 35.—To see what action the town will take in regard to the case of Salina Casey against the Inhabitants of the Town of Douglas for alleged damages from faulty or dangerous highway.

Art. 36.—To hear the report of the committee of the Douglas town cemetery and act thereon.

Art. 37.—To see what action the town will take in regard to disposing of the unoccupied school buildings and land in districts, not including No. 9 and No. 3.

The polls may close at 3 o'clock P. M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Post Office in East Douglas, at the Post Office in Douglas Center, and at the School House in South Douglas, ten days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this second day of March in the year one thousand nine hundred and one.

WALTER E. JONES, } Selectmen
MARCUS M. LUTHER, } of
WILLIAM H. WELLMAN, } Douglas.

Report of Selectmen.

The Selectmen of the Town of Douglas, herewith respectfully submit their annual report of the financial affairs of the town, for the year ending March 1, 1901.

148 orders have been drawn on the Town Treasurer, to the amount of \$16,446.57 for the following purposes:

Highways and Bridges.

Appropriation,	\$3,300 00
Paid Arthur F. Jones, Supt.,	3,434 66—
Overdrawn,	\$134 66

Schools, Transporting Pupils, Repairs and Janitor, Fuel, Books and Supplies.

Appropriation,	\$5,300 00
Fuel,	454 83
Books and supplies,	328 43
General school expenses,	191 36
Teachers, janitor and transporting,	4,990 10—
	\$5,964 72

Support of Poor.

Appropriation,	\$2,500 00
Expended,	1,650 00—
Balance,	\$850 00

Samuel Sibley Post, G. A. R.

By vote of town,	\$100 00
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State Aid, Chap. 301.

Arena Chapman,	\$28 00
Wellington Balcome,	60 00
Wellington Dore,	48 00
Joseph T. Arnold,	48 00
Chandler Titus,	48 00
Mrs. Henry Cook,	48 00
Laura Balcome,	48 00
Sylvester Chase,	72 00
George Leach,	48 00
Chas. E. Green,	48 00
Sybil Andrews,	36 00
Chas. A. Whipple,	48 00
Mrs. Wm. H. Marshall,	48 00
James Wilson,	66 00
George Nichols,	36 00
Joseph Quinn,	44 00
James McMahon,	18 00
Mrs. Elmira Staples,	24 00
Mrs. Anna S. Knapp,	16 00
Chas. H. Barton,	12 00— \$844 00

Military Aid.

Horace Belding,	\$36 00
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Fire Company.

Appropriation,	\$320 00
A. F. Jones, coal bill,	\$15 85
Palmer Converse,	320 00
Robert Lunn, Janitor,	4 50
Elwin S. Keith,	5 75
W. E. Jones,	56 05
Arthur F. Jones,	2 00— 404 15
Overdrawn,	<hr/> \$84 15

Town Clerk.

E. N. Jenckes, recording, indexing, and returning births, deaths, and marriages,	\$41 15
Attending meeting, books, blanks, postage,	22 53
C. H. Batcheller,	1 68—
	\$65 36

Registrars.

E. C. Parker,	\$15 00
F. L. Correll,	15 00
Chas. Mercier,	30 00
E. N. Jenckes,	20 00—
	\$80 00

Election Expenses.

Election expenses,	\$85 50
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Sidewalks.

W. H. Wellman,	\$101 32
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Salaries.

Selectmen,	
Walter E. Jones,	\$33 34
M. M. Luther,	33 33
Wm. H. Wellman,	33 33— \$100 00
Overseers of Poor,	
Chas. Bennett,	100 00
E. B. Knapp,	25 00
Wm. L. Church,	25 00— 150 00
Assessors,	
Chauncy R. Hill,	85 00
A. F. Brown,	71 00
M. M. Luther,	83 75— 239 75
Town Treasurer,	
Walter E. Jones,	75 00
School Committee,	
S. F. Root,	33 33
P. F. Ela,	83 33
Chas. J. Batcheller,	33 34— 150 00
Purchasing Agent,	
Chas. J. Batcheller,	25 00
Truant Officer,	
F. F. Young,	15 00

Sealer of Weights and Measures, W. E. Jones, 1898-1900,	\$20 00
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Soldiers' Relief.

City of Springfield, aid to Harriet Thomas,	\$6 18
E. N. Jenckes, aid to Kennedy Brunnick,	6 00
Chas. A. Humphrey, aid to K. Brunnick,	72 77
Aid to Mrs. Anna S. Knapp,	9 00
Town of Holliston, aid to Anna S. Knapp,	39 00
Dr. S. P. Holbrook, aid to Kennedy Brunnick,	1 00
Mrs. Anna S. Knapp,	3 00— \$136 95

Auditor.

Walter E. Schuster, 1899,	\$5 00
M. M. Luther, 1898,	5 00— \$10 00

Cattle Inspection.

Francisco Bowen,	\$1 00
Walter E. Cook,	48 00— \$49 00

Inspection of Meat and Provisions.

Francisco Bowen,	\$7 79
Walter E. Cook,	22 33— \$30 12

Fire Warden and Engineer.

Albert Hall,	\$2 00
Arthur Curtis,	2 00
W. H. Curtis, engineer,	1 25— \$5 25

Printing.

Town reports, ballots and blanks,	\$84 50
Printing and stationery,	7 25
Printing,	7 50— \$99 25

Board of Health.

W. H. Herendeen,	\$1 00
Frank Bowen,	5 75— \$6 75

Snow Roads.

Arthur F. Jones,	\$227 54
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Town Vault Account.

Vault doors and freight,	\$185 25
American Axe and Tool Co.,	5 00
W. H. Wellman and team,	32 75
Thos. Noles, labor,	16 00
New England Steam Brick Co.,	151 00
W. E. Jones, cement, lime and enamel,	55 11
Alonzo Gove, labor,	34 00
Elwin Keith, painting,	3 25
Joseph Bowen, shelving, .	9 50
Joseph Quinn, carpenter,	2 20
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	\$494 06
Cr.	
By sale of bricks not used,	35 00
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Net cost of vault,	\$459 06

Sexton.

Moses H. Balcome,	\$4 00
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Old Cemetery.

John M. Rawson,	\$45 04
John M. Rawson,	97 65— \$142 69

Miscellaneous.

John Johnson, truant school,	\$4 42
B. A. Stockwell, shingling library,	21 00
Francisco Bowen, repairs and supplies,	1 42
Marion E. Ayers, copying,	1 18
C. J. Batcheller, seal and press,	25 00
John Johnson, truant school,	2 00
W. E. Jones, Treasurer,	5 35
Officers July 4, 1900,	15 00
C. F. Rawson, shingling,	21 62
W. L. Church, mowing cemetery,	8 00
W. R. Wallis, lumber,	11 46
Thos. Noles, labor,	90

Elwin Keith, labor,	\$1 00
W. E. Jones, hall fixtures,	15 23
W. E. Jones, postage, express and traveling expenses,	34 09
Frank Bowen, return of deaths,	12 50
Perambulating town lines,	10 00
Mileage book,	20 00
Stamps and expense account Kennedy Brunnick,	4 00
Photograph of road, expenses and services account Casey case.	18 95
F. P. Brady, attorney, on account Rev. Hodgbergh,	175 00
Dr. S. P. Holbrook, return 10 births,	2 50
Dr. Geo. C. Clark. " "	2 50
Dr. S. P. Holbrook, on 1899 account,	14 00
W. E. Jones, Treasurer, expense,	46 75
Expense Casey case, stationery, postage and map,	18 95
W. R. Wallis, lumber and shingles,	100 19
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	\$593 01
Judgment rendered by the court, with lawyers fees and jurymen expenses,	\$1,040 71
Witness fees and traveling expenses,	66 78— \$1,107 49
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	\$1,700 50

Recapitulation.

Highways and bridges,	\$3,434 66
Schools, transporting pupils, repairs, janitor, fuel, books and supplies,	5,964 72
Support of poor,	1,650 00
Samuel Sibley Post, by vote of town,	100 00
State and military aid,	880 00
Fire Engine Company,	404 15
Registrars,	80 00
Election expenses,	85 50
Sidewalks,	101 32
Salaries,	535 00
Soldiers relief,	136 95
Assessors,	239 75
Auditors, '98 and '99,	10 00
Cattle inspection,	\$49 00
Meat and provisions,	30 12— 79 12
Fire Warden and Engineer,	5 25
Printing,	99 25

Board of Health,	\$6 75
Snow roads,	227 54
Town vault,	494 06
Sexton,	4 00
Old cemetery at Douglas Center,	142 69
Miscellaneous,	1,700 50
Town Clerk,	65 36
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	\$16,446 57

We have examined the books and accounts of the town Treasurer, and counted the money belonging to the town, and find them correct.

WALTER E. JONES, } Selectmen
M. M. LUTHER, } of
W. H. WELLMAN, } Douglas.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, Auditor.

Treasurer's Report.

W. E. JONES, Treasurer.

	DR.	
1900.		
Mar. 1.	Cash on hand,	\$414 77
21.	Rec'd from State Treasurer, acct. support State paupers,	18 98
	State Treasurer, acct. tempor- ary support State paupers,	17 00
Apr. 2.	State Treasurer on note given with interest at 3 $\frac{5}{8}$ %,	5,000 00
	A. A. Putnam, Justice,	103 74
6.	S. F. Root, acct. tuition Miss Barnett,	5 00
9.	Amabel Signet, peddler's lic.,	6 00
	E. B. Knapp, Coll., acct. 1899 taxes, No. 20,	200 00
	State Treas., acct. corp'n tax,	18 91
	C. J. Batcheller, acct. sales books, etc.	10 50
21.	Mrs. Mary McKenny from sale of school house,	50 00
	E. B. Knapp, Coll., acct. 1899 taxes, No. 21,	150 00
24.	Mrs. Mary McKenny from sale of school house,	300 00
30.	John Labelle, billiard and pool table license.	15 00
May 2.	Napoleon Bouville, one pool table license,	5 00
15.	John Condon, acct. butch. lic.,	1 00
24.	J. W. McMahon, Jr., " "	1 00

June 19.	Rec'd from C. S. Cummings & Co., on note at 3 ¹ / ₂ % discount,	\$2,000 00
21.	T. J. Murphy, acct. butch. lic.,	1 00
25.	H. W. Jones, " " "	1 00
	State Treas., acct. burial State paupers,	13 00
July 2.	A. A. Putnam, Justice,	97 98
	Frank Bird, return premium on change of library location,	15 96
6.	Chas. C. Labree, peddler's lic.,	6 00
30.	E. B. Knapp, Coll., 1900 No. 1,	6,800 00
Aug. 1.	" " " " 2,	2,300 00
4.	" " " " 3,	2,100 00
9.	" " " " 4,	1,000 00
	" " 1899 " 22,	65 00
11.	" " 1900 " 5,	200 00
20.	" " " " 6,	300 00
25.	" " " " 7,	300 00
30.	" " " " 8,	100 00
Sept. 1.	" " " " 9,	300 00
7.	Egleston Show Co., license,	2 00
8.	E. B. Knapp, Coll., 1900 No.10,	100 00
29.	Kelil Corey, for peddler's lic.,	6 00
Oct. 4.	A. A. Putnam, Justice,	146 31
6.	E. B. Knapp, Coll., 1900 No.11,	800 00
22.	" " 1899 " 23,	35 00
	" " 1900 " 12,	200 00
26.	" " " " 13,	200 00
Nov. 3.	" " " " 14,	600 00
9.	" " " " 15,	200 00
	" " 1899 " 24,	73 00
20.	" " 1900 " 16,	300 00
Dec. 1.	" " " " 17,	300 00
13.	Henry D. Mowry, for organ,	6 75
	State Treas., acct. corp'n tax,	153 11
	" " nat'l bank tax,	133 46
	" " military aid,	12 00
	" " State aid,	762 00
	" " burial indig't soldier,	35.00
19.	Zabe Jalin, peddler's license,	6 00
1901.		
Jan. 4.	E.B.Knapp, Coll., 1900 No. 18,	100 00
	A. A. Putnam, Justice,	140 21

Jan.	4.	Rec'd from State Treas., acct. inspection of animals,	\$27 33
		Edward A. Brown, Co. Treas., dog tax,	290 95
22.		J. M. Rawson, auction'r's lic.,	2 00
26.		E.B.Knapp, Coll., 1900 No. 19,	200 00
27.		State Treas., acct. State paup. " " transp. paupers,	59 50 1 35
		" " income school fund,	328 58
Feb. 26.		E. B. Knapp, Coll., 1900 No. 20,	775 29
		W. E. Jones, for brick,	35 00
28.		J. M. Rawson, acct. sales ceme- tery lots,	145 00
		Interest rec'd on deposits,	62 75
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			\$28,155 43

W. E. JONES, Treasurer.

			C.R.
1900.			
Apr.	3.	Paid E. P. Heath, Dep. Sheriff, State Treas., discount on note,	\$13 82
	5.	M. M. Luther, int. on note to Mar. 29, 1900,	120 83
	6.	James Smith, int. on notes to Mar. 6, 1900,	12 00 60 00
	7.	Orders Selectmen, Nos. 1-23 inc.,	1,957 50
16.		Edwin Moore, int. on notes to Mar. 26, 1900,	120 00
	30.	Library order No. 110,	34 00
May	5.	State Treas., $\frac{1}{4}$ of one druggist's lic., granted in 1899,	25
		Library order No. 111,	20 33
		Orders Selectmen, Nos. 24-34 inc.,	2,297 39
June	1.	Sarah Richardson, int. to May 30, 1900,	37 96
	2.	Library order No. 112, " " 113,	43 65 19 38
		Edwin Moore, int. on 3 notes 1 yr.,	150 00
		Orders Selectmen, Nos. 35-44 inc.,	1,901 77
19.		C. S. Cummings & Co., dis. on note,	10 16
22.		Library order No. 114,	73 11
23.		Wm. Abbott note, int. to Apr. 6, 1900,	90 00
July	2.	E. O. Bacon, Deputy Sheriff, E. P. Heath,	30 00 41 70

July	2.	Paid Frank Bird, insurance,	\$17 33
	7.	Orders Selectmen, Nos. 45-54 inc.,	1,565 40
	13.	Librory order No. 115,	19 00
	17.	Int. on Albert Butler notes to Feb. 19, 1900,	54 00
Aug.	4.	Orders Selectmen, Nos. 53-62 inc.,	309 08
		Library order No. 116,	1 00
	7.	A. J. Thayer, insurance,	18 75
	9.	Library order No. 117,	6 75
	20.	C. S. Cummings & Co., note,	2,000 00
	21.	E. N. Jenckes, agt., int. on note to Aug. 17, 1900,	110 00
Sept.	1.	Orders Selectmen, Nos. 63-69 inc.	667 94
	13.	Library order No. 119,	19 53
Oct.	4.	E. P. Heath, Deputy Sheriff,	76 85
		Library order No. 118,	5 72
	5.	J. B. Howard, constable,	10 92
	6.	Orders Selectmen, Nos. 70-74 inc.,	1,249 75
		Library order No. 121,	3 00
Nov.	3.	Orders Selectmen, Nos. 75-89 inc.,	1,065 87
	20.	L. S. Jones, int. on note to Nov. 10, 1900,	30 00
Dec.	1.	State Treas., note,	5,000 00
		Orders Selectmen, Nos. 90-101,	1,068 32
	13.	State Treas., State tax,	600 00
		E. O. Bacon, Deputy Sheriff,	17 70
		Library order No. 122,	17 94

1901

Jan.	1.	New school house note, No. 3,	1,000 00
		Int. on " " " 3,	40 00
		" " 12 " notes,	480 00
	4.	J. B. Howard, constable,	9 41
	5.	Wm. H. Herendeen, constable,	13 10
		E. P. Heath, Deputy Sheriff,	52 44
		Frank Smith, constable,	13 03
		Orders Selectmen, Nos. 102-118 inc.,	1,350 92
	21.	Library order No. 123,	75 49
Feb.	2.	Orders Selectmen, Nos. 119-125 inc.,	906 51
Feb.	26.	Discount on taxes 1900,	297 85
		Town Douglas tax,	33 82
		Abatement on taxes,	143 62
Mar.	2.	Orders Selectmen, Nos. 125-130 inc.,	323 18
		Library order No. 124,	17 16

Mar. 2.	Orders Selectmen, Nos. 131-132 inc.,	\$159 50
	" " " 133-148 "	1,623 44
	E. O. Bacon, Deputy Sheriff,	4 14
	Cash balance on hand,	643 12
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		\$28,155 43

Assets and Liabilities.

Assets.

Cash on hand,	\$643 12
Lockup and school property,	3,000 00 -
Almshouse establishment,	3,000 00 -
Personal property at almshouse,	1,877 71 -
Fire engine and hose,	800 00 - 770.
Two safes in Selectmen's room,	425 00 - 425-
Road machine, scraper and tools,	300 00 -
Books and supplies on hand,	172 22 -
Due from state on account state aid,	844 00 - 1047.-
Support state paupers,	12 48 -
Inspection of cattle,	49 00 - 42.50
Coal on hand at new school house,	81 00 -
Engine building and lot,	1,350 00 - 1350.00
Hall building and lot,	2,800 00 - 2800.00
New school building and lot,	18,000 00 - 18000.00
Due from E. B. Knapp, collector, 1896,	20 31
" " " " 1897,	174 10
" E. P. Heath, " 1898,	583 01
" E. B. Knapp, " 1899,	301 36
" " " " 1900,	1,440 55
New town vault,	400 00 - 400.00
Due from sales of cemetery lots,	52 00 - 14.00
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	\$36,325 86

Liabilities.

Note to Albert Butler estate, (2)	\$ 900 00 - 900.
Edwin Moore, (4)	4,500 00 - 4500.
M. M. Luther,	200 00 - 200.
Sarah Richardson,	632.68
Wm. Abbott estate,	1,500 00 - 1500.
E. N. Jenckes, agent,	2,000 00 - 2000.
Lura Wallis,	800 00 - 800.

1440.58
 821.22 582.01 15770.40
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175.08

500.	Note to Lovina S. Jones, James Smith,	\$500 00 1,900 00
11,100.	- Twelve notes new school house loan, 4's,	12,000 00
1080.00	Interest on above notes,	1,140 90
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		\$25,173 58
The town has borrowed during the year on its notes:		
5000.-	From state treasurer, (paid)	\$5,000 00
	C. S. Cummings & Co., (paid)	2,000 00
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All of which has been paid.		
1000 - 4	Also new school house note No. 3, (paid)	\$7,000 00 1,000 00
	New school house lot, (A. K. Richardson estate)	1,107 49
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5000 -	Borrowed during the year as above,	9,107 49 7,000 00
	Town debt reduced during the year,	<hr/> \$2107 49

WALTER E. JONES, Treasurer.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, Auditor.

**Annual Report of the
Overseers of the Poor,
For the Year Ending March 1, 1901.**

CHARLES A. HUMPHREY, Supt. of Almshouse.

Personal property at Almshouse, as per inventory	
March 1, 1901,	\$1,877 71
March 1, 1900,	1,873 03
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Showing an increase,	\$4 68

We have made the Superintendent debtor to what he has received for labor, produce, etc., and credited him with what he has paid out as follows :

1900.	DR.
Mar. 1. Cash in hands of Supt.,	\$51 55
Rec'd for dinners,	1 50
Milk,	12
Apr. 1. Apr. 1 to 27, 26 qts. milk, Mrs. Rogers,	1 30
10. Dinner,	25
11. Cabbage,	06
13. Crackers,	10
19. Butter and eggs,	48
21. "	25
22. Doz. eggs,	15
23. 2 lbs. butter,	50

Ayr.	26.	3 doz eggs,	\$ 45
	28.	M. Ring for plowing,	2 00
	29.	1 qt. cream,	25
		Butter and eggs,	40
May	4.	41 qts. milk,	2 05
	7.	2 lbs. butter,	50
	11.	4 dinners,	1 00
		M. Balcom, plowing,	75
	13.	2 lbs. butter,	50
	16.	Eggs and butter,	66
	18.	Labor for R. Peters,	8 00
	21.	1½ bush. potatoes,	75
June	5.	Drawing goods to Roundtop,	2 00
	6.	2 dinners,	50
	25.	Milk,	70
July	3.	2 lbs. butter,	40
		Milk,	33
		Dinner,	25
		Labor for M. Ring,	1 25
	7.	Butter,	1 53
	19.	Eggs,	50
Aug.	2.	Labor for G. Palmer,	7 50
	9.	Butter,	6 19
	10.	Eggs,	1 25
	18.	Milk,	10
	27.	Milk, W. Brown,	8 36
		Box anise,	10
	29.	Vegetables,	50
Sept.	4.	Butter,	3 00
		Eggs,	75
	6.	Labor for M. Parker,	2 75
Oct.	3.	Butter,	1 25
	11.	Crackers,	20
	13.	6 eggs,	16
Nov.	5.	Butter,	50
	7.	Cabbage,	5 50
	16.	Produce,	4 50
Dec.	18.	Dinner,	25
	24.	O. H. Humphrey, week's board,	3 00
	29.	Drawing wood for J. B. Sweet,	14 40
1901.			
Jan.	1.	2 lbs. butter,	56
		2 dinners,	50

Jan.	5.	From Selectman, Kennedy Brannock board,	\$72	77
14.		Labor for Will Smith on highway,	5	77
21.		Drawing wood for Will Smith,	2	00
22.		Wm. Peters,		25
23.		Cabbage,		15
31.		Salt pork,		25
Feb.	7.	" "		45
	9.	Butter,		28
	11.	Dinner,		25
	12.	"		25
		Sausage,		10
	19.	Pork,		5
	22.	2 heifers,	18	00
		Apples,		10
	23.	1 pie,		10
	25.	Dinners,		50
	28.	W. R. Wallis, for logs,	7	35
				80

				\$251
				77

1900.			C.R.
Mar.	28.	Mrs. Rogers, 4 washings,	\$4 00
	10.	Fish,	60
Apr.	5.	Lime,	27
		1 qt. clams,	25
	7.	3 yeast cakes,	06
	10.	2 qts. oysters,	80
	19.	Ink,	5
	21.	Fish of F. Smith,	25
May	10.	Thread,	10
		Fish,	95
	18.	Tin ware,	30
		C. P. Brown, repairs on harness,	1 50
	19.	Chas. St. Martin, shirt and hat,	1 00
	24.	½ pk. clams,	25
	26.	Bread,	10
	28.	Groceries,	69
		Wash boiler and tub,	2 25
		Yeast cake,	02
		Tomato plants,	40

June	2.	Groceries,	\$ 50
		Twine and soap,	10
		Frank Chase, tobacco and omega oil,	65
	9.	Chas. St. Martin, tapping shoes,	65
	16.	Vegetables,	55
	27.	Turnip seed and paris green,	90
	29.	Cold cream,	25
July	2.	Machine oil,	45
	12.	Paris green,	25
		Berries,	50
	17.	Chas. St. Martin, 2 shirts and suspenders,	1 25
	20.	Axle oil.	50
	27.	Peaches,	1 10
Aug.	1.	2 boxes salve,	1 25
	3.	Soap,	5
	9.	Hose and elastics for Ellen Thayer,	35
	10.	Ammonia,	5
	23.	Bread,	25
	25.	Horse med., repairs on harness, wash board,	1 65
	27.	Harness soap,	50
	31.	Peppers,	10
Sept.	5.	Honey and bolts,	60
	11.	John Bates, killing hog,	75
	17.	Oysters,	45
Oct.	2.	Fred Park, for labor,	2 00
	3.	Ammonia and repairing chain,	20
	4.	Spikes,	15
	10.	Minnie Parks, labor,	5 35
	13.	Cider bbls. and making cider,	4 90
	18.	Oyster crackers, iron and screws,	90
	27.	1 bush. turnips,	70
	30.	Frank Smith, butchering hog,	50
	31.	Tapping shoes and blacksmith,	1 60
Nov.	2.	Cranberries and onions,	85
	3.	Cyrus Sweet, filing saws,	45
	7.	Lamp burners and barn pail,	33
	15.	Repair on plow,	3 00
	23.	Axe and handles,	1 50
		Repair on hames,	10
	22.	C. H. Humphrey, in woods 1 week,	5 00
		L. Ward, shoeing horse, mending harness,	1 85
Dec.	31.	Soap, boraxine,	4 85

1901.

Jan.	1.	Frank Smith, butchering hog,	\$ 50
	5.	E. N. Jenckes, grocery bill,	69 26
		Baking powder, Suel Chase making cider,	2 82
	8.	Groceries,	1 70
	10.	A. J. Dudley, for ice,	5 00
	17.	Wm. Smith, for use of bull,	1 50
	22.	John Bates, butchering hog,	50
Feb.	12.	Tea and coffee,	1 50
	15.	H. M. Logee bill,	10 35
	16.	Babson meat bill,	20 55
	17.	Dr. Clark, medicine for Frank Chase,	1 25
	18.	Fish bill,	3 00
	19.	John Condon, butcher,	4 57
	20.	S. P. Holbrook, medicine W. Sherman,	1 75
	21.	Frank Chase and Sherman, tobacco,	20
	22.	Meat,	78
	23.	Tobacco for Frank Chase,	10
	27.	Medicine for " "	1 00
	28.	E. N. Jenckes, grocery bill,	13 66
		W. R. Wallis,	1 75

1900.

July	17.	Whip and fruit,	75
		Washing and yeast cake,	1 02
		Chas. S. Martin, 2 sponges and chamois,	2 75
	27.	Repairs on harness,	2 00
Aug.	1.	Potatoes,	25
		Tobacco,	10
		Plaster for Frank Chase,	25
		Root & Wixtead, grocery bill,	25 00

1901.

Mar.	1.	Cash in hand of Supt.,	\$235 58
			16 19
			\$251 77

There has been sold from the farm the past year —

Veal,	164 lbs.
Pork,	410 "
Cabbage,	1,300 "
Beef,	500 "

Potatoes,	30 bushels.
Eggs,	47 doz.
Butter,	210 lbs.

These amounts, although small, are better than in some years past.

The Overseers have paid the following bills on town farm account:

1900.

Apr.	2.	F. J. Mills, baker bill,	\$3 00
	7.	Charlee J. Sibley, salary,	75 00
May	3.	W. W. Brown, fertilizer,	17 75
	4.	H. N. Lougee, tip cart,	75 00
	8.	Frank Miller, whitewashing almshouse,	3 00
	9.	Expense of burial of Nancy Jones,	19 00
June	5.	T. J. Murphy, butcher bill,	5 26
	23.	Dr. Clark, medical aid Mrs. Jones,	4 00
July	7.	Charles Humphrey, salary,	85 00
	11.	Dr. Holbrook, medical aid to Rhoda Hill,	3 75
Aug.	4.	W. E. Jones, hardware,	7 03
Sept.	15.	G. L. Dauphinee, drugs for almshouse,	7 45
Oct.	6.	Cash to Root & Wixtead, grocers,	50 00
	" "	E. N. Jenckes, grocer,	100 00
		Charles Humphrey, salary,	85 00
1901.			
Jan.	5.	Charles Humphrey, salary,	80 00
Feb.	6.	Walter Jones, supplies for almshouse,	12 95
Mar.	1.	Root & Wixtead, groceries,	11 55
			\$644 74

Summary.

Charles Humphrey has paid for supplies as per report, \$235 58
 The Overseers have paid as per this report, 644 74

Supt. has received for labor, produce, etc.,	\$251 77
Increase of personal property at almshouse,	4 68-

Cost for support of poor at almshouse,	\$623 87
Number of weeks board of poor,	138 00
Cost per week,	4 52

Inmates at almshouse,	Age.	Weeks	Board.	
Nancy Jones,	77	9	5	days
Rhoda Hill,	88	25	3	"
Ellen Thayer,	43	52		
Charles St. Martin,	26	43	6	"
Frank Chase,		5	3	"
Tramps fed, equal to			4	"
Willis A. Sherman,			1	
Total number of weeks,			138	

Of these, Nancy Jones and Rhoda Hill have died the past year, and Charles St. Martin has been removed to Tewksbury.

Outside Poor.

Mrs. George F. Haven,	\$27	20	
Mrs. George F. Casey,	62	00	
Mrs. Margarett Duprey,	48	00	
Mrs. Francis Balcom,	8	50	
Mr. Joseph Jenney,	59	79	
Mrs. James Quinn,	27	51	
Miss Sylvia Wakefield,	60	00	
Miss Albina Gilbert,	20	00	
Mrs. Clara Joggerson.	10	50	
Mr. Lewis Willet,	37	83	
Mr. Frank Chase, at hospital,	16	00	
Mrs. Ellen Beauregard,	12	00	
Mr. Charles Rinfrette,	20	77	
Mr. William Shepherd,	13	00	
Mrs. Mary Sweeney,	15	00	
Mr. Julian Gould,	72	00	
Mr. Charles O. Johnson,	7	00	
Mr. Thomas Reno,	13	85	
Mr. William McQuillan,	18	00	
Mr. Thomas Vallier,	11	00	
			\$559 95

State Poor.

Julian Gould,	\$42	00
Mrs. Adolph Gardner,	17	50
Joseph Bonin,	13	00
Delia Lunn,	4	48

Frank Fleury,	\$8 00	
	_____	\$84 98
Due from State:		
Delia Lunn,	\$4 48	
Frank Fleury,	8 00	_____
		\$12 48
Due from State on old bills:		
1896.—Peter Kalaud,	\$30 40	
1897.—Frederick Kennier,	59 94	
1896.—James R. Mills,	16 50	
1894.—Joseph Derosia,	19 25	
1896.—Joseph La Plant,	17 00—	\$143 09

At a meeting held by Chairman of Overseers, it was left with A. F. Jones to try and collect, but as yet has been unable to do so.

Lockup Account.

1900.			
Oct. 6.	Timothy Wixtead, care of lockup,	\$25 00	
	" " cleaning "	3 25	
Feb. 36.	J. Bowen, filing saws,	50	
	Walter Jones, supplies for lockup,	5 11	
Mar. 17.	Fire shovel,	20	
	Root & Wixtead, bbl. crackers,	2 50	
27.	" " 1 gallon of oil,	14	
Sept. 22.	" " bbl. crackers,	2 50	
	" " 1 gal. oil,	14	
Oct. 15.	" " 1 cord wood,	4 00	
Nov. 19.	" " 1 gal. oil,	14	
Dec. 17.	" " 1 bbl. crackers,	2 75	
19.	" " 1 gal. oil,	14	
1901			
Jan. 9.	" " 1 cord wood,	4 50	
23.	" " 1 gal. oil,	14	
Mar. 1.	Timothy Wixtead, salary,	20 00—	\$71 01
	Number of tramps for year,		302

Miscellaneous Accounts.

1900.			
Mar. 22.	Stamps,		\$1 00
Apr. 4.	To Sutton on pauper case,		1 50

May 4.	To Worcester on pauper case,	\$3 00
June 2.	Removing Frank Chase from hospital to almshouse,	4 00
15.	To Worcester on Johnson case,	1 00
	" " " Willet "	1 00
23.	Stamps and stationery,	1 00
27.	To Lowell on pauper case,	6 00
Sept. 10.	To Sutton on Mrs. Jerry Tiffts case,	1 00
17.	Stamps,	1 00
Oct. 31.	C. J. Batcheller, two order books for Overseers,	3 00
	Mrs. Bunker, lodging for traveler and wife,	75
Dec. 6.	Traveling expense in Lunn case,	1 75
Sept. 4.	Telephoning to Worcester hospital,	45
Dec. 19.	Blanks,	1 00
	Telephoning to Boston,	60
	Telegraphing "	65
18.	Trip to Boston for State poor,	4 00
24.	Traveling expenses in looking up St. Martin's and Binnock cases,	10 00
Jan. 5.	Trip to Pittsfield on Mrs. George F. Haven case,	7 35
	J. M. Rawson, plow point,	55
Feb. 4.	Stationary and blanks,	1 00
	Telephoning to Boston in Lunn case,	1 15
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		\$52 75

Through the kindness of Mr. Isaac Balcom in his will, provision was made for the burial of Miss Rhoda Hill, which was with tombstone and all expense included, which will be refunded to the town,

\$85 40

Amount Received for Support of Poor.

1900.	Received from Town Treasurer,	\$1,650 00
	Cash from last year's account,	37 38
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		\$1,687 38

Recapitulation.

Paid on account of poor at almshouse,	\$644 74
Outside poor,	559 95
State paupers,	84 98
Lockup,	71 01
Miscellaneous,	52 75
*Burial of Miss Rhoda Hill,	85 40
*The above amount has been received since the report was made.	
Repairs at almshouse,	169 74
Cash on hand,	18 81
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	\$1,687 38

Total of all bills with cash on hand included is,	\$1,687 38
Deducting repairs at almshouse,	\$169 74
Miss Rhoda Hill expenses,	85 40
Cash on hand,	18 81 273 95
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Deducting this amount from total leaves,	\$1,413 43

The repairs at almshouse have consisted of reshingling barn, new boarding south side, shingling shed and reboarding same, painting barn and shed, etc.

Overseers have received for their services,

Charles Bennett,	\$100 00
William L. Church,	25 00
E. B. Knapp,	25 00 —\$150 00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES BENNETT, } Overseers
E. B. KNAPP, } of
WILLIAM L. CHURCH, } Poor.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, Auditor.

Report of the
Commissioner of Roads,
 ON THE
Expenditures on Roads and Bridges,
for Labor and Supplies,
 OF THE
Year Ending March 1, 1901.

ARTHUR F. JONES, Commissioner.

Jo Ashey 10h.	\$ 1 50	Chas. Caswell and horses	
Frank Amidon, 10h.	1 50	15h.	3 00
John Anderson, 55h,	8 25	Orlan Chase and team, 10h.	3 50
Chas. Anderson, 33h.	4 95	Orsan M. Chase, 10h.	1 50
L. A. Buffum, 74h.	11 10	F. R. Caswell, 13h.	1 95
L. A. Buffum & horses 52h.	10 40	Suel Chase, 14h.	2 10
Perry Bryant, 30h.	4 50	Clayman Chase, 30h.	4 50
Ed. Bennett, 155h.	23 25	Peter Couland, 50h.	7 50
Jo Butler, 50h.	7 50	W. L. Church, 130h.	19 50
Chas. Barton, team and man, 49h.	17 15	Horses 100h.	20 00
H. T. Barton, 10h.	1 50	Horse and cart 15h.	1 88
John Bates, 25h.	3 75	David Champine, 25h.	3 75
Ed Burke, 238h.	35 70	A. E. Chapman, 56h.	8 40
Bosmer,	1 50	Horses, 51h.	10 20
Major Benson, carpenter work, 35h.	8 75	Myron Chase and team 10h	3 50
Everett Brown, 15h.	2 25	Jos. Chase, 2½h	38
John Brigham, 80h.	12 00	Alphonzo Chase, 142h.	21 30
Ed Buxton, 36h.	5 40	Erastus Chase, 53h.	7 95
Balcome, 4h.	60	Horses 50h.	10 00
Peter Berry, 65h	9 75	Horses on scraper, 50h	15 00
Kennedy Braunock, 30h.	4 50	Holding scraper 50h.	7 50
		Man and horses 20h	7 00
		George Conrad, 84h.	12 60

Henry Chase, 140h.	\$21 00	John Kelley, 53½h.	8 03
Horses, 8h.	2 80	Albert Kelley, 53½h.	8 03
Jo. Duffy, 75h.	11 25	Lacoose, 80h.	12 00
A. P. Dudley, 50h.	7 50	Geo. Lindburg, 40h.	6 00
Driving scraper 35h.	6 12	Harry Lunn, 381h.	57 15
Chas. Dore, 50h.	7 50	Driving scraper, 105h.	18 37
Chas. Duffy, 150h.	22 50	E. T. Manning, 75h.	11 25
Arthur Dudley's man, 10h.	1 50	Paul Manning, 20h.	3 00
Ed Daley, 50h.	7 50	Jo McGrath, 142h.	21 30
Giff Dudley, 128h.	19 20	Wm. Morgan, 118h.	17 70
Horses 50h.	10 00	Jo St. Martin, 40h.	6 00
John Dunlavy, horse and		Ernest Martin, 313h.	46 95
man, 10h.	3 50	Walter Miller 25h.	3 75
G. H. Dudley, 171h.	25 65	Wm. Mascier, 210h.	31 50
Horses 120h.	24 00	Lewis Noles, 192h.	28 80
Horse on cart, 20h.	2 50	Thos. Noles, 435h.	65 25
4 horses on scraper,		Amrose Noles, Sr., 657h.	98 55
40h.	24 00	M. Parker, 131h.	19 65
6 horses on scraper,		Horse on cart, 3h.	38
20h.	18 00	John Paine, 125h.	18 75
Frenchman, 138h.	20 70	Eb Paine, 35h.	5 25
Mitchel Foster, 573h.	85 95	Nep. Pluff, 115h.	17 25
John Gough, 55h.	8 25	E. C. Parker, 25h.	3 75
Nep. Gurtin, man and		Pair horses, 25h.	5 00
team,	27 80	Pair Horses and man,	
John Gerard, 60h.	9 00	20h.	7 00
Frank Gazette, 30h.	4 50	J. W. Parker, 20h.	3 00
Lewis Gabory, 470h.	70 50	Jo Patterson, 70h.	10 50
Will Gouvin, 10h.	1 50	W. E. Putnam, 30h.	4 50
Jo Gouchee, 60h.	9 00	Driving scraper, 50h.	8 75
Driving scraper, 30h	5 25	Adolf Perrien, 208h.	31 20
Victor Gabory, 444h.	66 60	F. H. Park, 56h.	8 40
Chas. Hodgkins, 155h.	23 25	Polanders, 30h.	4 50
Albert Harper, 80h.	12 00	Mike Pollard, 20h.	3 00
Ed Hughes 85h.	12 75	George Palmer, 16h.	2 40
Humphrey, 16½h	2 48	Jo Richardson, 30h.	4 50
Pair horses, 16½h.	3 30	Horses, 30h.	6 00
Arthur F. Jones, Com.,		Horses and man,	19 75
904h.	180 80	Dan Rogers, 75h.	11 25
Driving horse, 407h.	20 35	Frank Rawson, 273h.	40 95
Pair horses on cart,		Mason work, 30h.	6 75
1967h.	393 40	Albert Reno, 215h.	32 25
4 horses on scraper,		Amer Reard, 114h.	17 10
135h.	81 00	Amile Raim, 60h.	9 00
C. Johnson, 25h.	3 75	W. W. Smith, 43h.	6 45
Richard Jogerson, 30h.	4 50	Horses, 43h.	8 60
Perl Jefferson, 5h.	75	Horses and man, 72h.	25 20
A. F. Jones, carpenter work,		Horses on scraper, 50h.	15 00
10h.	2 50	Driving scraper, 50h.	8 75
Peter Jarvis, team and man	4 55	Chas. Shea, 843h	126 45
Frank Jarvis, 12h.	1 80	Helgie Sevenerson, 97h.	14 55
Peter Johnson, 445h.	66 75	Jo Savory, 725h.	108 75
Ed Kelley, 8½h.	1 27	A. B. Simmons, 40h.	6 00

Chas. Stevens, 70h.	10 50	Tramp, 5h.	75
Frank Smith, 20h.	3 00	Laf. Taft,	1 00
George Seymore, 3h.	.45	Willis Thayer, 420h.	63 00
Jo Stevenson, 40h.	6 00	Frank Wellman, 70h.	10 50
W. A. Sherman, 37h.	5 55	G. M. Wallis, 73h.	10 95
Jo Smith, 75h.	11 25	Jim Wixted, 15h.	2 25
Jo Scears, 146h.	21 90	Frank Ward, 10h.	1 50
Chas. Scardine, 284h.	42 60	Will Wallis, man and team, 10h.	3 50
Wm. Sculley, 229h.	34 35	Phillip White, 215h.	32 25
Richard Shaw, 617h.	92 55	W. F. Young, 20h.	3 00
E. T: Thayer, horses, 80h.	16 00	Horses, 10h.	2 00
L. B. Titus, 23½h.	3 53		
Elisha Thompson, 38h.	5 70		
Total for labor,			\$3,134 87
Total for gravel,			95 90
Lumber and supplies,			191 86
Repairs, etc.			12 03
Sum total on road,			\$3,434 66

Very Respectfully,

ARTHUR F. JONES, Road Commissioner

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, Auditor.

Gravel.

A. J. Thayer, 256 loads,	\$12 80	G. H. Dudley, 38-l	1 90
W. R. Wallis, 80-l	4 00	Erastus Chase, 29-l	1 45
Remfrett Estate, 225-l	11 25	Frank Amidon, 15-l	.75
H. T. Barton, 6-l	.30	Walter Parker, 21-l	1 05
John Bates, 18-l	.90	For uncle, 85-l	4 25
Parker, 135-l	6 75	L. A. Buffum, 38-l	1 90
Thomas Kelley, 66-l	3 30	W. L. Church, 35-l	1 75
Walter Carpenter, 51-l	2 55	W. W. Smith, 29-l	1 45
A. F. Jones, 321-l	16 05	Hattie Gory, 103-l	5 15
Moses Balcome, 347-l	17 35		

Repairs, &c.

Frank Soro	\$.80
George Gleason	1 23
H. N. Logee	6 00
Good Road Machine Co.	4 00

Lumber and Road Tools.

W. R. Wallis	\$101 78
W. E. Parker	79 42
W. E. Jones	10 66

Price Paid for Labor and Teams.

Commissioner per hour	20 cents
Commissioner driving horse per hour	5
Men laborers	15
Boy laborers	10-12½
Horse and cart	12½
Two horses and cart	20
Two horses on road scraper	30
Men driving scraper	17½

Snow Roads.

Frank Esty, 2½h.	38	John Paine, 5h.	75
Fred C. Hammond and team,	7 70	W. L. Church, men and team	6 50
George Rabillard, 22h.	3 30	Jo Johnson, 15h.	2 25
John Baker, 21h.	3 15	Nep. Gurtin, 17h.	2 55
F. J. Kenyon, 29h.	4 35	Horses, 16h.	3 20
Ed Patterson, 16h.	2 40	Oney Gurtin, 14h.	2 10
Will Kenyon, 12h.	1 80	Andrew Roberts, 26h.	3 90
Chas. Dudley, 7h.	1 05	Nelson Roberts, 21h.	3 15
Amos Humes, 16h.	2 40	Amrose Noles, 35h.	5 25
Perry Bryant, 20h.	3 00	Thomas Noles, 35h.	5 25
Bosmer, 16h. Horses, 6h.	2 40 1 20	Dan Rogars, 7h.	1 05
Jo Richardson, 7h. Team, 4h.	1 05 80	Alfred Casey, 40h.	6 00
Frank Smith, 11h. Horses, 4h.	1 65 80	Peter Girard, 20h.	3 00
Arthur Titus, 5h.	75	Henry Terrien, 17h.	2 55
Bill Peek, 9h.	1 35	Peter Terrien, 18h.	2 70
Major Benson, 5h.	75	Giff. Dudley, 25h.	3 75
John Dolbiare, 9h.	1 35	Jim Kitteridge, 15h.	2 25
Thomas Coleman, 9h.	1 35	Jo Geer, Jr.,	1 65
Laf. Taft, men and oxen,	9 30	Lewis Noles, 35h.	5 25
Fred Caswell and boy,	3 15	Horse, 35h.	7 00
Guss Dudley, men and teams,	22 40	Jo Gouhee, 16h.	2 40
Lorin Buffum,	2 10	Will Jarvis, 21h.	3 15
Chapman, 2h.	30	Will Jarvis, 20h.	3 00
Orson M. Chase, 4h.	60	Peter Jarvis and men, 24h.	3 60
W. W. Smith, men and team	4 99	Horses, 10h.	2 00
Nathan Caswell 14h.	2 10	Peter Berry, 31h.	4 65
Erastus Chase, 21½h.	3 22	Geo. Reynolds, 44h.	6 60
Henry Chase, 28h.	4 20	Richard Chase, 74h	11 10
Alphonzo Chase, 15h.	2 10	H. Jones, 13h.	1 95
		Horses, 55h.	11 00
		Fred Howland, 51h.	7 65
		Helgie Sevenerson, 22h.	3 30
		Sum total for Snow Roads,	\$227 54

Report of
Aaron F. Jones, Agent.
On the Devise of Moses Wallis,
To the Town of Douglas,
For the Year Ending March 1, 1901.

The Agent charges himself with notes due the town

March 1, 1900,	\$15,730 00
Accrued interest,	1,526 07
Cash in hands of Agent,	7,556 56
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	\$24,812 63

1900.

Mar. 1.	Cash in hands of Agent,	\$7,556 56
5.	Rec'd of Emma J. Brown, Rufus P. Johnson, note and int.,	9 00 424 27
8.	Mary J. Murphy,	39 60
14.	J. and M. Rivers,	8 00
24.	Mary J. Willis, O. N. Thurber,	30 00 1 00
26.	New England Trust Co., int. on deposits	34 27
30.	Margaret F. Brown,	50 00
31.	John Vallier, Amos A. Humes,	18 00 83 87
Apt. 2.	J. and M. Rivers,	8 00
5.	O. N. Thurber,	2 00
7.	Mary A. Reynolds,	15 00

9.	Rec'd of Albert Whipple,	12 00
16.	E. M. Southwick,	5 00
23.	Louisa Jarvis,	12 00
28.	O. N. Thurber,	1 00
23.	Charles H. Hilton,	238 20
27.	O. N. Thurber,	1 00
May 7.	J. & M. Rivers,	8 00
12.	Margarett Stearns,	18 00
25.	Maria C. Wood,	6 00
June 2.	J. and M. Rivers,	8 00
19.	Frank E. Wellman,	12 00
	Susan V. Thayer,	10 00
23.	George Roberts,	9 00
25.	J. and M. Rivers,	6 00
July 2.	Harriet C. Caswell,	12 00
6.	Emma Hannant,	12 00
6.	J. and M. Rivers,	4 00
14.	" "	4 00
Aug. 11.	" "	8 00
Sept. 8.	Mitchel Auger, int.,	18 00
	" "	200 00
10.	John D. Darling,	18 00
12.	James Wixtead,	209 55
15.	Sarah H. Paine,	12 00
	Salina Casey,	10 00
	Margarett F. Brown,	57 80
19.	Sarah H. Paine,	200 30
21.	Frank LaFrancis,	156 58
24.	J. and M. Rivers,	6 00
18.	E. T. Thayer,	24 00
29.	Alexander Ritchie,	12 00
	Mary M. Gough,	8 00
Oct. 5.	Mary A. Reynolds,	6 00
8.	Willard Whipple,	18 00
26.	Preserved Alger,	6 00
Nov. 1.	Albert Whipple,	12 00
3.	Mary M. Gough,	8 00
17.	David Lunn,	18 16
Dec. 8.	Mary M. Gough,	8 00
12.	Eva Maxim,	6 00
	A. F. Brown,	30 00
	Alvin H. Brown,	30 00
Nov. 28.	R. M. Peters,	314 07

Dec. 17.	Rec'd of Louis Terrier,	24 00
26.	E. M. Southwick,	85 00
1901.		
Jan. 7.	Joel Glover,	12 00
16.	Mary E. Mowry,	6 00
17.	B. F. Aldrich,	50 00
22.	Ira T. Robbins,	9 00
24.	Simon P. Rawson,	30 00
26.	Salina Casey,	10 00
Feb. 8.	Emma J. Brown,	9 00
9.	Oscar C. Rawson,	12 00
11.	Mary M. Gough,	4 00
16.	Emma Hannant,	24 00
22.	Willard Whipple,	472 87
	Frank Duvall,	33 00
	Mary J. Murphy,	19 80
23.	Vesta H. Balcome,	7 50
23.	E. T. Thayer,	422 20
25.	Potter M. Bates,	9 00
28.	C. F. Rawson,	12 00
	Joseph T. Arnold,	12 00
	Salina Casey,	10 00
	James McCormick,	10 00
	Francis Fitz,	21 00
	Phebe Young,	40 00
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		\$11,398 60

1900. The Agent has paid out as follows :

Mar. 5.	Paid discharge of mortgage,	25
	Insurance for Gilbert Yates,	4 43
24.	O. F. Chase, care of Devise from Mar. 1st to 24,	4 00
	Moving safe,	1 50
26.	Expense to Boston and Providence,	3 00
30.	C. J. Batcheller, printing,	1 50
June 2.	Stamps and stationery,	2 00
July 31.	Town tax on Devise,	441 43
Sept. 11.	Discharge of mortgage,	25
18.	" " "	25
21.	" " "	25
Dec. 13.	" " "	25
Feb. 22.	" " "	25
23.	" " "	25

Mar. 1.	Agent's services,	85 00
		<hr/> \$544 61

Notes Due the Town March 1, 1901.

Maker of Note.	Paid by	Accrued Int.	Prin.
Bertrand F. Aldrich,		\$36 60	\$500 00
Joseph T. Arnold,	Arthur L. Putnam,		200 00
Preserved Alger,		2 06	100 00
Mitchel Auger,	Joseph Auger,	9 67	100 00
A. F. Brown,		68 00	500 00
Alvin H. Brown,	A. F. Brown,	50 00	500 00
Emma J. Brown,		4 12	150 00
Potter M. Bates,	John C. F. Bates,	3 37	150 00
Vesta H. Balcome,	Wellington Balcome,	3 64	125 00
Charles S. Caswell,		145 00	500 00
Harriet C. Caswell,		10 00	200 00
John D. Darling,		15 00	300 00
Salina Casey,		63 00	500 00
Frank Duval,		87	125 00
Frank Duval,		9 25	300 00
James McCormick,	John H. Gough,	73 50	350 00
Mary M. Gough,		4 34	100 00
Joel Glover,	Sarah Dufo,	2 93	200 00
Emma Hannant,		3 70	200 00
Amos A. Humes,	Francis Fitz,		350 00
Peter Jarvis,		15 10	150 00
Louisa Jarvis,		12 62	100 00
David & Amos Lunn,		21 73	500 00
Eva Maxim,		1 40	100 00
Mary E. Mowry,		75	100 00
Mary J. Murphy,		13 40	330 00
Oscar C. Rawson,	Nathan Mills,	1 20	200 00
Ira T. Robbins,	Frank McCormick,	10 50	150 00
Chas. F. Rawson,		9 30	200 00
Simon P. Rawson,	Zilpha M. Rawson,	30 83	500 00
J. & M. Rivers,	Frank A. Thurber,	18 00	400 00
George Roberts,		8 02	150 00
Alexander Ritchie		4 40	200 00
Mary A. Reynolds,		13 83	250 00
Mary A. Reynolds,		2 30	100 00
E. M. Southwick,	G. M. Bridge,	17 50	500 00

Maker of Note.	Paid by	Accrued Int.	Prin.
Margaret Stearns,	Mrs. O. C. Emerson,	\$16 50	\$300 00
Lewis Terrier,		5 00	400 00
Susan V. Thayer,		45 42	500 00
John Vallier,		18 45	300 00
Mary J. Willis,		48 17	500 00
Frank E. Wellman,		10 17	200 00
Albert Whipple,		3 10	200 00
Maria C. Wood,		4 75	100 00
James Wixtead,		13 75	100 00
	Paid insurance,	9 40	
Amos G. Yates,		131 63	400 00
Phebe Young,		25 67	500 00
O. N. Thurber,		126 30	300 00
		\$1,144 25	\$13,180 00

November 20, 1900, I took peaceable possession of the property secured by O. N. Thurber mortgage for non-payment of interest.

Expense of foreclosure and recording,	\$3 27
Paid for necessary repairs and improvements,	19 00
	\$22 27
Received for rent of house,	9 50
Balance due the Agent,	\$12 77

As this mortgage has three years right of redemption, it will necessitate an open account for that length of time, unless sooner paid.

Recapitulation.

1900.

Mar. 1. Cash received of former Agent,	\$7,556 56
Cash received on notes during the year,	3,842 04
	\$11,398 60
Cash paid out during the year,	\$544 61
Cash deposited in R. I. Hosp. Trust Co.,	10,200 00
Mar. 1, 1901. Cash in hands of Agent,	\$653 99

Notes due the town Mar. 1, 1901,	\$13,180 00
Accrued interest,	1,144 25
Cash deposited in R. I. Hospital Trust Co.,	10,200 00
Accrued interest on deposits,	274 18
Cash in hands of Agent,	653 99

Value of the Devise March 1, 1901,	\$25,452 42
Value of the Devise March 1, 1900,	24,812 63

Net gain for the year,	\$639 79

Respectfully submitted,

AARON F. JONES, Agent.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, Auditor.

Annual Report
OF
The Free Public Library.

Treasurer's Report.

		DR.	
1900.			
March	1.	To cash in town treasury,	\$65 63
June	1.	Fines and catalogues,	2 72
"	14.	Cash from private subscription,	42 75
Aug.	9.	" " "	1 50
Sept.	13.	Fines and catalogues,	1 52
Dec.	5.	" " "	2 06
1901.			
Feb.	27.	Fines and catalogues,	2 84
		Cash from dog fund,	290 95
			<hr/> \$409 97
1900.			CR.
April	28.	By paid Lafayette Taft, plastering,	\$34 00
May	5.	A. C. Taylor, papering and painting,	20 33
"	26.	H. L. Stockwell, labor,	1 05
"	31.	B. A. Stockwell, labor and stock,	43 65
June	1.	Alice E. Luther, librarian,	20 00
"	14.	J. U. Hubbard, cartage and grading,	9 00
"	22.	Weeks & Co., furniture and carpet,	73 11
July	13.	Geo. L. Dauphinee, agent, lamps,	19 00
		S. F. Root & Co., door mat,	1 00
Aug.	9.	A. D. Worthington & Co., books,	6 75
"	10.	J. W. Irving, oil,	2 39
"	11.	A. J. Thayer, wood,	1 25

Aug. 15.	By paid W. R. Wallis, lumber,	\$36 03
Sept. 13.	Alice E. Luther, librarian,	20 00
Oct. 6.	A. C. Taylor, labor and stock,	3 25
Dec. 5. 1901.	Alice E. Luther, librarian,	20 00
Jan. 21.	Baker Taylor Co., books,	75 49
March 2.	Alice E. Luther, librarian,	20 00
		—————
Cash in town treasury,		\$406 30
		3 67
		—————
		\$409 97

CHAS. P. PIERCE, Treasurer.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER, Auditor.

Report of Librarian.

Whole number of books in library,	3855
Number added during the year,	87
Number issued during the year,	7984
Average number issued on Wednesday,	84
Average number issued on Saturday evening,	79
Amount of fines for the year,	\$8 66
Balance of fines March 1, 1900,	26 64—
Amount collected for fines,	8 14
Catalogues sold,	1 00
	—————
Paid to treasurer,	\$9 14
Amount collected for fines,	8 14
	—————
Balance due March 1, 1901,	\$27 16

ALICE E. LUTHER, Librarian.

Town Clerk's Report.

Births.

Whole number,		45
males,	23	
females,	22—	45
foreign parentage,	15	
mixed parentage,	13	
American parentage,	17—	45

Marriages.

Whole number,		29
foreign birth,	23	
American birth,	35—	58
residents of Douglas,	49	
residents elsewhere,	9—	58
first marriage,	46	
second marriage,	11	
third marriage,	1—	58

Deaths.

Whole number,		58
males,	28	
females,	30—	58
foreign birth,	13	
American birth,	45—	58

Number under 1 year,		11
between 1 and 5,		3-
5 10,		0
10 20,		5
20 30,		2
30 40,		4
40 50,		6
50 60,		3
60 70,		3
70 80,		12
80 90,		6
90 100,		3—
		58

Dogs Registered.

Whole number,		164
153 males	at \$2.00,	\$316 00
9 females	at 5.00,	45 00
2 females spayed at	2.00,	4 00— \$365 00

E. N. JENCKES, Town Clerk.

BY-LAWS
OF THE
Town of Douglas.

ARTICLE I.

TOWN MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. Every warrant for a Town Meeting shall be served by posting attested copies of the same at least ten days before the time of the meeting to be held under it in three public places, as follows: At the Post-Offices at East Douglas and Douglas Centre, and one on the schoolhouse in South Douglas.

SECTION 2. In town meetings, all persons present shall, on request of the moderator, as far as practicable, be seated.

SECTION 3. No motion shall be entertained at an adjourned meeting, for the reconsideration of any vote passed

at the original meeting, or at any adjournment of the same, unless notice of such motion shall have been given at such original meeting, or at any adjournment of the same ; but this by-law may be suspended in any particular case by a vote of three-fourths of those present and voting.

SECTION 4. When any one addresses the Chair, he shall rise and stand uncovered.

SECTION 5. The duties of the presiding officer not specially provided for by law, shall be determined by rules of parliamentary law contained in Cushing's "Manual," so far as they are adapted to town meetings.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The annual Town Meeting shall be held on the third Monday of March in each year.

SECTION 2. The fiscal year, so far as the accounts of the several town officers are concerned, shall close on the first day of March ; and all accounts shall be made up to that time.

SECTION 3. SELECTMEN The Selectmen shall have the general care and custody, direction and management of all the property of the Town, in all matters not otherwise provided for. They shall count the cash belonging to the Town, in the Town Treasurer's possession, and examine and fully verify his bank deposit standing in the name of the Town, on the first day of March each year, and certify to the Town, in their annual report, that they have done so ; and if everything connected therewith is found correct, they shall declare that the amounts agree with

the Treasurer's report regarding the same, or otherwise, as they shall find it.

They shall, in ample time before policies expire, see to the renewal of all fire insurance on the Town's properties, and shall keep such property properly insured.

They shall print the by-laws of the town in full in each annual report of the Town Officers.

SECTION 4. TREASURER. The Town Treasurer shall not use any money or funds belonging to the Town, in the payment of any of his own or any other person's private bills or obligations, nor for any other purpose, except for paying Town notes, interest on Town notes, and the State and County taxes, except on orders signed by at least a majority of the Board of Selectmen.

He shall give no Town notes, except the same are approved and countersigned by at least a majority of the Board of Selectmen. He shall prepare and deliver to the Board of Selectmen, on or before the fifth day of March of each year, a full statement, in detail, of all receipts and payments of money by him as Town Treasurer, showing the balance of his account on the first day of March, with a statement of the property of the Town in his possession, and all notes or other obligations given by him or by his predecessors, and outstanding against the Town on the first day of March of each year, stating to whom each note is payable, when due, and the rate of interest said note or other obligation is drawing. He shall keep all Town notes that have been paid and cancelled, and all cancelled bank checks, and all orders drawn by the Selectmen, and other valuable documents or papers belonging to the Town, or relating to the affairs of the Town in his department, which shall be always subject to the inspection and

examination of the Selectmen; he shall give his bond within five days after his election, to the Town Clerk for his custody and safe-keeping, which shall first be subject to the approval of the Selectmen endorsed thereon in writing.

SECTION 5. Money belonging to the Town, if deposited by the Treasurer or the agent, on the devise of Moses Wallis, shall be deposited in some bank or Trust Company, allowing interest on daily balances, and the interest on said deposits credited to the town.

ARTICLE III.

CONCERNING TRUANT CHILDREN AND ABSENTEES FROM SCHOOL.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the School Committee of the Town to appoint two suitable persons to be designated as "Truant Officers," who shall, under the direction of said Committee, inquire into all cases coming under this article, and shall alone be authorized, in case of violation thereof, to make complaint and carry into execution the judgment thereof.

Truant officers so appointed shall at all times be subject to removal by the School Committee, and their compensation shall be fixed by the School Committee, and shall be paid from the Treasury of the Town.

SECTION 2. The Worcester County Truant School at West Boylston, Mass., is hereby assigned as the place of confinement, discipline and instruction of persons convicted under the provisions of this article.

SECTION 3. Any child between the ages of seven and fifteen years, who is an habitual truant, or is found wandering about the streets or public places of the town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, or growing up in ignorance, shall, upon conviction thereof, be committed to the Worcester County Truant School at West Boylston, Mass., for such term as the Justice or Court having jurisdiction may determine.

SECTION 4. Truant officers appointed as herein provided, are authorized and empowered to take into custody any such child, and place him in the school to which he shall have been assigned by the School Committee of the town.

ARTICLE IV.

PENAL LAW.

SECTION 1. No person shall play at any game of ball or football, or throw ball, or stones, or snow-balls in the streets within the limits of the East Douglas fire district.

Nor shall any person deposit within any street or public places any ashes, cinders, fish or any waste-matter whatever, except by the consent of the Selectmen; nor set or plant any trees within the limits of the streets or highways of said town, without the consent of the person having the care of said streets and highways.

SECTION 2. No person shall course, coast or slide upon the streets or sidewalks of the town upon any hand-sled, board, jumper, or otherwise, except at such places and under such restrictions and regulations as the Selectmen shall designate and require.

SECTION 3. No person shall wheel, drive, or draw any coach, cart, hand-barrow, sled, bicycle, or other carriage of burden or pleasure (except children's hand-carriages, drawn by hand), or drive, or permit any horse, neat cattle, or sheep under his care to go or stand upon any sidewalk; or stand upon any street-crossing, so as to obstruct public travel.

SECTION 4. No person shall behave himself in a rude and disorderly manner, or use any indecent, profane or insulting language in any street, highway, or other public place in the town, or near any dwelling-house or other building not his own, therein, or be or remain upon any sidewalk or fence contiguous to a highway or street, or upon any doorstep, portico, or other projection from any such house or other building, nor in any church, meeting-house, railroad depot or platform, public hall or entrance thereto, to the annoyance or disturbance of any person; nor shall any person, at, near, or upon any such dwelling-house, building, sidewalk, doorstep, portico, fence or projection, or any such meeting-house, public hall, railroad depot or platform, or entrance thereto, commit any nuisance, or by any noise, gesture, or other means, wantonly or designedly drive or frighten any horse in any street, highway or public place in the town.

SECTION 5. PENALTIES. Any person violating any of the provisions of the preceding by-laws, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding ten dollars (\$10) for each offence, to be forfeited and paid to the Town, unless when different provision is made by the laws of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 6. These By-Laws may be altered, amended or annulled at any meeting called for the purpose, by a vote of two-thirds of those present and voting thereon.

SECTION 7. If these by-laws be adopted by the town and approved by the Court, all by-laws heretofore adopted by the Town and now in force, inconsistent with these by-laws, shall become null and void.

These by-laws shall be in force when approved by the Court.

A. F. BROWN,
WILLIAM ABBOTT,
JOHN M. RAWSON, } Committee.

DOUGLAS, MASS.

Adopted *April 26, 1897.*

C. H. BACHELER,
Town Clerk of Douglas.

By a vote at the same time and place Mr. William Abbott was authorized to present these by-laws to the Court for approval.

C. H. BACHELER,
Town Clerk.

Annual Reports

OF THE

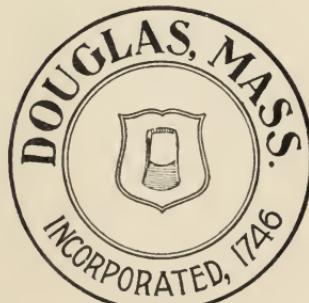
School Committee

OF THE

Town of Douglas,

FOR YEAR ENDING

March 1, 1901.



PRESS OF
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,
EAST DOUGLAS, MASS.
1901.

School Committee.

Chas. P. Pierce,	Term expires March 1, 1903 -
Chas. S. Caswell,	1903 -
Paul F. Ela,	1903 -
S. F. Root,	1902 -
A. J. Thayer,	1902 -
Fred A. Place,	1902 -
W. W. Brown,	1901 -
C. J. Batcheller,	1901 -
M. M. Luther,	1901 -

The Committee met March, 1900, and organized as follows:

President, Chas. J. Batcheller.

Clerk, Fred A. Place.

Superintending Committee, $\begin{cases} \text{S. F. Root,} \\ \text{C. J. Batcheller,} \\ \text{Paul F. Ela.} \end{cases}$

Purchasing Agent,—C. J. Batcheller.

Truant Officers,— $\begin{cases} \text{F. F. Young,} \\ \text{M. H. Balcome.} \end{cases}$

Teachers.

George H. Stoddard,
Caro Wyman,
Rosa M. Bumstead,
Euna L. Buffington,
Mary A. Wyman,

Gertrude Smith.

Edith M. Abbott,
Etta H. Johnson,
Laura E. Brown,
K. Helena Wixtead,
Mary J. Lawlor,

Appropriations and Receipts.

Appropriation for public schools, and for transportation of pupils, Mar. 1, 1900,	\$5,000	00
Books and supplies,	300	00
State school fund,	328	58
Town School fund, (interest),	56	48
Received for school books sold,	4	63
New books and supplies on hand,	172	22
Balance unexpended,	58	81

		\$5,920
		72

Expenditures.

Teachers,	\$3,901	50
Truant officer,	15	00
Care of school houses,	416	70
Purchasing agent,	25	00
Books and supplies,	\$328	43
Decrease in supplies on hand,	\$32	78
Books and supplies sold,	4	63-
Total cost of books and supplies,	28	05-
Fuel,	437	56
Coal on hand at new school house,	81	00-
Transportation of pupils,	356	56
Superintending committee,	637	00
School census,	150	00
Work on diplomas,	10	50
General school expenses,	1	00
	100	36

		\$6,050
		10

Statistics.

Number of persons in the town Sept. 1, 1900, between 5 and 15 years of age,	304
Number of persons in the town Sept. 1, 1900, between 7 and 14 years of age,	224
Number of different pupils in all the schools for the year ending June 15, 1900,	383
Number attending school under 5 years of age,	8
Number attending school over 15 years of age,	18
Number attending school between the ages of 7 and 14,	291
Average membership of all the schools,	282
Average attendance of all the schools,	243
The per cent. of attendance based on the average membership,	86+
Aggregate of months all the schools have been kept during the year,	89
Average number of months all the schools have been kept during the year,	8.9
Whole number of female teachers,	9
Whole number of male teachers,	1
Average wages monthly of female teachers,	\$35 66
Average wages monthly of male teachers,	90 00

Report of the School Committee.

Your school committee respectfully submits the following report :

IN GENERAL.

Schools have been maintained this year as last year, in East Douglas, Douglas and South Douglas, pupils being transported from other districts.

The courses of study have been maintained as in the past. In the graded schools at East Douglas progress has been made toward simplifying the confusion of grades resulting from the changes into the new school house two years ago. It is thought that by the beginning of the fall term the several teachers will find their work more correctly defined in accordance with the standards in general use in the state, so that instead of teaching parts of two, or even three grades in one room, the grades will be really separated. The change is being brought about by the cordial co-operation of the several teachers extending throughout the last two years.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

The town is to be congratulated on the excellent conditions in the new school house at East Douglas. Such a school build-

ing renders every school in it more efficient, and the spirit required to ensure keeping it in good condition is itself a means of education to all concerned.

The school house at Douglas was built many years ago, and leaves much to be desired. One lack is the absence of blackboards. Those now in use do not give so much surface as should be in a school having so many pupils of different grades.

At South Douglas, owing to the small number of pupils, the school house answers its purpose fairly well. The out-buildings should be repaired.

TRANSPORTATION.

There were two men employed to transport pupils to East Douglas, Messrs. Bosma and Guertin, who carried pupils from districts south and north of the village respectively. At the beginning of the last term, as there was only one pupil north of the village who required and used the means of transportation, the committee, with the consent of the family interested, discontinued this route at a saving of ten dollars per week.

STATISTICS.

As last year, the statistics for the school year are made up from Sept. 1st. to Sept. 1st., according to the present school law.

SUPPLIES AND SCHOOL BOOKS.

There should be a good unabridged dictionary in the schools at Douglas and South Douglas, and in the four higher schools in East Douglas. Those in use at present are almost destroyed by long use, and should be replaced. The funds in the hands of the purchasing agent have not been sufficient this year to enable him to make these necessary additions.

Imperative need compelled the purchase of new geographies, readers, Latin text books and algebras, as most of the older books were completely destroyed by long use. The change in

geographies has not been completed, as the larger books of the new series were not published in time to begin the fall term. Money will be needed for this purpose the ensuing year.

CHANGES IN TEACHERS.

Last March the committee found itself face to face with a vacancy in the grammar school caused by the resignation, after more than ten years of efficient service, of Miss Lincoln. Miss Caro Wyman was selected to fill the situation, and the school has gone on with no loss in efficiency.

At the beginning of the fall term, in order to ensure the services of Miss Bumstead for another year, the committee granted a leave of absence which was accidentally lengthened by the failure of a trans-Atlantic steamship company to supply transportation according to its contract with passengers. The committee was fortunate in being able to fill the temporary vacancy by Mrs. Carpenter's services. At the end of the term, however, an offer of a school in Everett caused Miss Bumstead's resignation here, and the committee secured Miss Mary A. Wyman to fill the position the rest of the year.

It would not have been surprising if so many changes had seriously damaged the school, both as regards discipline and scholarship. The committee is pleased to note, however, that notwithstanding the disadvantageous conditions, the grade of work done seems to have suffered no loss, and the discipline of the room is excellent.

SUPERINTENDENCY.

Members of the committee acting as individuals, secured the insertion of an article in the town warrant to see if the town would instruct the school committee to unite with some other town in employing a superintendent of schools.

There is no doubt that the employment of a trained superintendent would increase the efficiency of our school system in many ways. Thorough supervision is impossible under our

present system. Under the law of the state, on or before July 1st, 1902, a superintendent must be employed, either by this town alone, or in union with another one or two towns as may seem best. The law further makes provision where the assessed valuation is below \$2,500,000, for reimbursing the additional expense, providing the number of schools is not less than 14. We have only ten schools, but by uniting with some other town and bringing not less than 25 schools under superintendency, we may have a trained man without materially increasing the expense to the town.

Another alternative is the employment of a high school principal to act as superintendent in addition to his work as teacher. This would make it necessary to employ an additional teacher in the high school, or suffer a loss of efficiency in that important department.

This year the visiting member of the committee has visited the schools two or three times per term, and has met the teachers in a teachers' meeting informally and at irregular intervals. The other members of the committee have attended to financial and disciplinary matters as occasion demanded.

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